

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY GO FAST BUST!



Just before the crew settled down to enjoy the Superbowl via satellite TV on Sunday, HAMILTON's Bridge watch spotted an apparent go-fast vessel dead-in-the-water (DIW) about 500 yards off the HAMILTON's port bow. The well-camouflaged vessel stayed DIW until they realized they had been seen and then sped off, trying to shake pursuit. HAMILTON launched the small boat and then the helicopter to hunt down the fleeing suspects.

Once the suspects realized their gig was up, they began to jettison their cargo overboard. The helo was quickly on scene and was given permission to use minimum force necessary to get the vessel to stop for questioning. The suspected narcoterrorists were dogged in their attempts to get away. The helo fired warning shots and then disabling fire through the engine block of the go-fast before they were finally forced to stop.

HAMILTON's small boat was not far behind and arrived quickly to take control of the go-fast and the people on board. HAMILTON was also in close proximity and began to pass through the debris field of the jettisoned cargo. HAMILTON launched her second small boat to begin recovery of the debris, which later tested positive for cocaine.

HAMILTON recovered just over one ton of cocaine jettisoned by the go-fast, valued at approximately \$100 million.

Superbowl Sunday never was more exciting!

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